



# ***Idaho Professional-Technical Education***

## **Fact Sheet January, 2005**

Enrollment in high school professional-technical education increased 9% from 1999-2004 compared to an increase of less than 1% for general high school enrollment (9-12). Over the last ten years, high school enrollments in professional-technical education increased 69% while general enrollment (9-12) increased 11%.

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Idaho's high school professional technical education delivery system has 760 programs providing opportunity for high school students to enroll in professional-technical programs in 109 Idaho school districts.

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Data show that nearly all of Idaho's high school students enrolled in at least one professional-technical course in FY2004.

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In a 2004 Idaho Public Policy Survey 88% of the respondents agreed that high school students should be offered more opportunities to take classes for a specific career.

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Compared to academic-work bound students, PTE students (4 courses) were more likely to be employed, earned more money, had greater total earnings, and maintained that advantage over time.

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**The Mission of Professional-Technical Education is to provide Idaho's youth and adults with technical skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a highly effective workplace.**

High end Professional-Technical Schools started in FY1999 with 5 schools, 20 programs and 817 students. In FY2004 there were 11 schools, 115 programs and 4,282 students, a 424% increase in 6 years. In the last fiscal year there was an 11% increase in enrollment.

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93% of high school and 94% of technical college professional-technical education completers in Idaho successfully found jobs or continued their education.

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During FY2004, over 8,600 full and part-time students enrolled in technical college degree or certificate programs, an increase of 30% in the last 5 years and a 61% increase since 1996.

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Tech Prep credits earned in FY2004 totaled 8,865 or a savings of \$923,888 for students.

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In FY2004, there were 350 students enrolled in the on-line health professions program.

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In a 2004 Idaho Public Policy Survey 41% of the respondents answered that they would need training to maintain and/or obtain new employment within the next 12 months.

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In FY2004, Idaho technical colleges assisted 34,126 adult Idahoans in improving their job skills. 29,357 adults were in short term training with an additional 4,769 Emergency First Responders enrolled in Fire Service and Hazardous Materials Training Classes.

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